## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA Before The POSTAL RATE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

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Postal Rate and Fee Changes, 2000

Docket No. R2000-1

## OFFICE OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE CONDITIONAL MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE REBUTTAL TESTIMONY (July 27, 2000)

Pursuant to Presiding Officer's Ruling No. R2000-1/95, July 24, 2000, the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") hereby requests leave to file testimony rebutting the Postal Service's response to Notice of Inquiry ("NOI") No. 3. This request is contingent on the disposition of the Major Mailers Association ("MMA") objection to the admission of the Postal Service's response to NOI No. 3 into the evidentiary record. Should the MMA objection be sustained, there would be no need for the OCA to file rebuttal. The reasons for granting the OCA's request to file rebuttal testimony, along with suggested procedures for hearing and rebuttal by the Postal Service, are set out in a companion pleading, which is hereby incorporated by reference.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>quot;MMA's Supplement to Objection to Admission of Postal Service Response in Evidence as Testimony and Comments on Related Procedural Matters." July 24, 2000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "Office of the Consumer Advocate Answer to Requests of the Postal Service and MMA for Procedural Relief Concerning Response to Notice of Inquiry No. 3," July 27, 2000.

As stated in that accompanying pleading, the OCA witness would be available for cross-examination on August 3 or 4, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with Section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

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